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EASLEY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed five members to the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Easley appointed **Mark Ezzell** of Raleigh, the federal legislative analyst for the Governor's Crime Commission. He is the founder and coordinator of ACCESSvote, a statewide nonprofit organization working to increase civic participation of people with disabilities. Easley appointed Ezzell to serve as chairman.

Easley reappointed **Jean Hollowell** of Goldsboro, a retired budget and administrative officer for Wachovia; **Doris Jones** a retired teacher who now chairs the community capacity building committee for the council; **W. Kenneth Wease** of Cary, owner of W. Kenneth Wease and CPA since 1997; and **Joy E. Weeber** of Raleigh, a field researcher for the first national study to identify the disability identity process.

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities advises the secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the coordination of planning and service delivery of all state-funded programs, which provide service to persons with developmental disabilities. The council has 32 members, and the Governor appoints 11 members. Each member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

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